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Marginal Column

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

THERE are, obviously, several ways to deal with the Gaza emergency. Both American and Soviet spokesmen in the recent Security Council debate advised Israel in effect to emulate the lead given by the late Mohandas Gandhi (who incidentally told the Jews of Germany in November 1938 neither to resist evil nor to emigrate but to open a passive resistance campaign against the Nazis in their homes). Human nature being what it is, such advice will probably not be followed. There is, in addition, what some call the "Mongolian" solution, referring to the most famous and most widespread border clashes in recent history. In autumn 1938 and throughout spring and summer 1939, the Japanese Kwantung army entered the no-man's land on the Mongolian border seizing a number of strategically important hills. The Soviet Far Eastern Army hit back in strength and large-scale fighting ensued. Whole armies were involved, and according to a conservative estimate, the casualties suffered by both sides were about 25,000. Fighting ceased in August 1939, after a major battle.

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APPLIED to our more modest scale this would mean that the next time, or one of the next times, the Egyptian challenge would be accepted and large-scale fighting would thus develop from the attack of an Egyption military unit. Distances being as they are, such fighting would probably result in the removal of most, if not all Egyptian units this side of the Sinai. In defence of such measures it has been said that small or half-hearted measures only aggravate a great evil. Of course there would be an outcry abroad and sanctions may be applied. But there has been an outcry too vis a vis the most restricted defensive actions, and when Israel soldiers have replied to Egyptian fire in self-defence they have been found "guilty" all the same. As for the sanctions, it will be argued that if Egypt comes to attack Israel, sanctions will be imposed anyway, with the usual impartiality, on the victim of aggression too. This alarmist position may be wrong, or at least exaggerated. But it cannot be denied that it is shared by a large body of opinion — which is growing with the number and intensity of Egyptian attacks.

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THIS solution appeals to temperament and some perfectly natural instincts. Most of the rational arguments however tend to be against it. Large-scale fighting would mean many victims. It would still seem the preferable solution if there would be any chance that it would bring about a decisive change. As things are it seems however that big power intervention would prevent any radical change in favour of Israel. Even in the (original) Mongolian border clashes fighting stopped only because the political situation had changed. A war in Europe was on the point of breaking out and Japan had in addition another war on its hands in China. The Egyptian rulers have not apparently staged the recent attacks to pacify public opinion at home: They are frequently not mentioned at all in the Egyptian press and radio and sometimes even described as defensive actions. It is more likely that by these attacks, Gamal Abdul Nasser and his friends want to achieve what was impossible by other means; namely to make the other Arab countries rally round Egypt, and to prevent the new Arab military pact from becoming a failure. (It is possible, of course, that the recent attacks have no far-reaching political intentions at all.) But if they have, it is, of course, to provoke Israel into action now and at a given place. It is an elementary rule of policy, as well as of boxing, fencing, and a dozen other occupations to be able to see through such provocation and be able to keep calm. The decision to ask for a session of the Security Council should therefore be welcomed — though in the very best case it will only end in an ineffectual resolution. It is even more likely that the way the Israel request will be handled will cause great anger and irritation in this country. For to everything there is a season, as somebody remarked many years ago, and the season for a radical solution is not just now. Generally speaking, there are few radical solutions in history. It is difficult to realise it and more annoying to put up with it. All the wise words and prudent counsel will be of little avail, however, in the case of more, and more large-scale aggression.

Jerusalem, April 4.

Syrian Civilian Killed by Turkish Border Troops

A Syrian civilian was killed by Turkish troops near the Syrian-Turkish border, according to an ANA despatch quoting an official communique issued in Damascus yesterday.

The Turks claimed that the man had tried to infiltrate across the border. The Syrian statement on the incident added that Turkish planes had again violated Syrian territory.

In Beirut, more than 30 Lebanese civilians and policemen were injured in Communist demonstrations on Sunday night, when they protested against President Chamoun's visit to Turkey. Eighteen seriously injured were taken to hospital. Thirty-seven persons, including three women, were arrested.

President Chamoun told Arab diplomats in Ankara that Turkey was showing utmost goodwill towards the Arabs, and that the Turkish press had stopped its attacks on Syria. *(ANA, Reuter)*

Still Time to Halt German Rearmament—Voroshilov

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The Soviet President, Marshal Klimenti Voroshilov, said today that "although the Paris pacts have been ratified, it is not yet too late to prevent their implementation."

Marshal Voroshilov was speaking at a ceremony in Budapest celebrating the 10th anniversary of the city's liberation by the Red Army from Nazi troops. He is leading a Soviet delegation to the celebrations.

5-Man C'tee Takes Over in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The affairs of the Jerusalem Municipality were formally taken over yesterday morning by Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, Jerusalem District Representative, and the five-man Special Committee which he heads. Mr. Yeshaya has scheduled a meeting with all department heads for today.

At 10.30 a.m., Mr. Yeshaya and the four other commissioners entered the main municipality building and were greeted by outgoing Mayor Y. Kariv. They entered the Mayor's office, and while they were discussing the city's affairs, a clerk brought in a stack of documents, including building licences, for Mr. Kariv's signature.

Mr. Kariv waved the clerk away with the words, "From now on, I don't sign anything here." After the Commissioners had left, Mr. Kariv remained in his office to receive visitors.

Queried on his future plans, Mr. Kariv said that he was going to "rest, only rest." (Mr. Kariv has 70 days of vacation due him and his former Deputy-Mayor, Rabbi Moshe Porush, has almost as many. The Mayor receives a monthly salary of IL500 and the Deputy-Mayor, IL360.)

Mr. Kariv arrived in the office at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and began to sign cheques for former employees on pension as well as a number of documents. When he had cleared out his desk and reduced his papers to one folder, he received the department heads who bade him good-bye.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, he said, "Corruption and bribery exist in many forms in the Jerusalem Municipality, particularly in one department," but he refused to name the department. "They are caused by the party system and nepotism. I failed to overcome this problem," he said.

"But first and foremost," he continued, "the coalition failed owing to one factor: the nine-man 'fighting opposition' fought as one; the 12-man coalition was split by internal dissention and wrangling."

In a vitriolic vein on the same subject, but in a self-congratulatory tone on the coalition's successes, Mayor Kariv wrote to Mr. Israel Rokach, Minister of Interior, yesterday in reply to the Minister's letter of Sunday dissolving the Council and setting up the five-man appointed Committee.

Several members of the opposition used their influence in Government circles to stop the Government from extending aid to the city, he claimed.

Turning to the failures of the coalition which he headed, he blamed the General Zionists, and especially their leader, Mr. Eliahu Eliachar, M.K., whose "personal ambitions" were not satisfied and who caused a "permanent crisis."

ARROWS OF AGGRESSION

On March 3, infiltrators dismantled pipes at Kibbutz Gevarim and on March 5, stole saplings from Moshav Be'eri. On March 12, an Israel command car was mined near Kisufim and four days later, a settler was wounded by infiltrators at Sharsheret. On March 15, two infiltrators were killed while reaping in fields near Kisufim. Four Israel soldiers were injured when their vehicle was mined at the same place. Another patrol was fired on the next day near Be'eri. On March 24, a grenade was thrown into a wedding party at Pattish, killing a girl and injuring a score of others. On March 27, four Egyptian soldiers were chased across the lines near Be'eri. On the next day, an Israel officer was killed and a soldier was wounded when their vehicle was mined near Nirim. Irrigation pipes were stolen from Pattish the same evening. Another Israel patrol was fired on near Ein Hashlosha on March 30. On April 1, a patrol car was again mined near Kisufim, and another near Nahal Oz the following day, injuring six. The next day, yet another vehicle was mined and attacked at Nahal Oz, resulting in the killing of two Israel soldiers and the wounding of 16 others.

Sharett Sees Lawson On Border Crisis

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The serious situation on the Gaza Strip border was discussed at a special meeting of the Cabinet yesterday.

Mr. Edward Lawson, the American Ambassador, called on Mr. Moshe Sharett at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem yesterday at the latter's invitation.

Mr. Sharett drew the Ambassador's attention to the seriously deteriorating situation along the Israel-Egyptian border in the region of the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Sharett, it is understood, explained to Mr. Lawson that it now appears that the Egyptians are out to harass Israel patrols in two ways, either by mining the roads or firing on them.

The Prime Minister was believed to have made it clear that such methods would not succeed in stopping the patrols, since they have an obvious duty to protect the settlements in the area. It is also understood that the gravity of the situation was impressed upon the American Ambassador and that Israel's intention to refer the matter once again to the Security Council was discussed.

The grave responsibility which rested with the Egyptians for the possible consequences of the extremely serious situation was also, no doubt, made clear.

During the afternoon, a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee was held at the Kirya in Tel Aviv Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Defence Minister, and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, were present.

The official communique said that the meeting was held to discuss the serious situation created along the borders of the Gaza Strip.

It was decided to hold a further meeting in which the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister would participate.

The meeting opened with the chairman, Mr. M. Argov, M.K., welcoming the Defence Minister on his assumption of his new office. Also present at the session was Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset.

Dulles 'Unable' To Meet Shigemitsu

WASHINGTON, Monday. — Secretary of State Dulles will not be able to arrange the immediate talks here requested by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Shigemitsu, the State Department announced today.

The announcement added that Mr. Dulles' schedule would not permit adequate time to prepare for talks early in April as suggested, but said that a later visit by Mr. Shigemitsu might be arranged.

22 Hostile Acts By Egypt During March

A total of 22 hostile Egyptian acts were committed against Israel during the month of March, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. These operations, which claimed the lives of two Israelis and resulted in the wounding of 23 others, consisted of 12 incidents involving infiltrators, the mining of four Israel patrols and six incidents of firing across the border from Egyptian positions.

Eighteen clashes between Security forces and armed infiltrators occurred during the week ending last Wednesday. During the same period, there were four instances of border crossings for purposes of illegal harvesting and grazing.

Two Egyptians Killed

Two Egyptian soldiers were killed and two others wounded in the Nahal Oz clash on Sunday afternoon, according to preliminary reports by U.N. Observers. A communique from Truce Supervision Organization headquarters in Jerusalem yesterday described the incident as "a violent exchange of fire, during which mortars were used."

U.N. Observers, who arrived at the scene yesterday morning saw the bullet-ridden vehicles of the patrol. The incident took place about 15 metres from the border and between 30 to 40 metres from the hut which serves as the regular meeting place for the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission. The Egyptian position was about 50 metres from the vehicles.

Traces of blood, mortar impacts, shells and bandages were found on the spot. Marks of the half track in which the reinforcements arrived were also discovered.

The Observers heard the testimony of the wounded and saw the bodies of the dead soldiers, Yosef ben Moshe Levi and William Cohen, one of whom had died from loss of blood, as it was impossible to administer aid due to the heavy Egyptian fire.

Britain Protests Greek Broadcasts to Cyprus

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The Foreign Office said today that it had ordered Britain's Ambassador to Greece to protest against "objectionable" Athens Radio broadcasts to Cyprus. The Ambassador was instructed to tell the Greek Government that the broadcasts "inciting Cypriots to violence cannot be separated from the terrorism on the island."

In Cyprus, terrorists caused their first hospital casualty last night when Mrs. G. Hamilton, wife of a British Army doctor, was cut by flying glass from a grenade explosion at her home in Nicosia.

The grenade was thrown by a man on a bicycle, who escaped.

Labour Demands Guarantees For Israel as Britain Ratifies Iraqi Pact

PAKISTAN JOINING ALLIANCE

Pakistan has decided to accept the invitation of Turkey and Iraq to join their defence alliance, according to a Reuter report last night quoting authoritative sources in Karachi. The invitations were delivered last Friday to the Pakistani Premier and Foreign Minister, Mohammed Ali, and Pakistan's acceptance is understood to have already been sent to Ankara and Baghdad.

Pakistan's action was reported a few hours after Britain, in Baghdad, had signed a new treaty with Iraq. The ceremony took place shortly after the arrival in the Iraqi capital of the British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Robert Turton. The agreement, which replaces the Anglo-Iraqi treaty of 1930 which was due to expire in 18 months, precedes Britain's accession to the Turco-Iraqi treaty of alliance, which Britain will formally join today.

Queen Elizabeth yesterday signed the instrument of accession to the Turco-Iraqi treaty which will be deposited at the Iraqi Foreign Ministry in Baghdad tomorrow. The Iraqi Government will later inform the Turkish Government of Britain's formal accession to their defence alliance.

To Turn Over RAF Bases

Under the new Anglo-Iraqi arrangements, Britain is to evacuate within a year the Royal Air Force bases in Habaniyah and Sheibah. She held these bases under the 1930 treaty which came into force two years after Iraq became a member of the League of Nations.

The treaty was signed for Britain by Sir Michael Wright, Ambassador to Iraq, and Mr. Turton, and for Iraq by Premier Nuri e-Said in his capacity as Defence Minister and Burhanuddin Bashayan, Minister of State.

The Turco-Iraqi pact, which Britain will join tomorrow, is bitterly opposed by Egypt and some other Arab countries.

In London, Abdul Rahman Hakki, Egypt's Ambassador to Britain, called on Sir Anthony Eden at his own request this morning. Hakki will leave by air tomorrow for Cairo, where he has been recalled for government consultations.

The Ambassador's recall followed Britain's announcement that she will join the Turco-Iraqi pact.

Bank of Israel Report Stresses Thrift Need

The guiding rule in the Government's economic policy must be the development of the economy at a rapid rate and the raising of the level of production and employment while maintaining a large degree of stability in prices and in the currency, Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, states in a report made public yesterday.

The report was submitted to the Government and the Knesset Finance Committee in accordance with the Bank of Israel Law, which provides that when the means of payment rise by 15 per cent or more in the course of a 12-month period, the Governor shall submit a report explaining the rise and suggesting measures to be adopted.

Between the end of January, 1954, and the end of January, 1955, means of payment rose by IL56.4m, or 18.6 per cent. The rise in cash circulation was IL21.6m., or 16.7 per cent, while that in demand accounts was IL33.8m., or 20.1 per cent.

The report states that the rise in means of payment derived mainly from three factors: the increase in foreign currency holdings, the expansion of credit, and the transfer of Treasury bills to the banks. The total amount of credit increased in the period in question from IL200.2m. to IL229.1m., or 14.4 per cent.

The inflationary gap thus created did not lead to a shortage of goods, which is the typical result in a controlled economy, the report says, but to a rise in the price level, limited by a substantial increase in production. (Bank of Israel, P. 4)

Eden Outlines 3 Peace Conditions

LONDON, Monday. — In the present circumstances, Israel is in no position to accede to the Turco-Iraqi defence pact which Britain has now joined, Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs told the Commons today.

The Socialists immediately demanded that Britain consider entering a separate treaty with Israel, and urged the Tories not to be "over one-sided" since Israel is steadily being encircled and isolated.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary replying to opposition anxiety about Israel's position, said that the British Government would be perfectly ready to venture into some new form of guarantee for a settlement of the Israeli-Arab dispute, but it would have to include three things: A settlement of the refugee problem, the question of the frontier, and settlement of the problem of the Jordan waters.

He did not think that a lasting agreement could be reached on any one of them unless there was agreement on all three.

Guarantee Possible

Replying to a question by a former Labour Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Mr. Nutting pointed out that under Article 5 of the Turco-Iraqi pact, the alliance is open to any state actively concerned with security and peace in the Middle East, providing it is fully recognized by both the high contracting parties.

Mr. Shinwell then said this would seem that all Middle East states except Israel could be given a guarantee of their security. Mr. Nutting answered: "Nothing prohibits us from giving any such guarantee." He did not say, however, that Britain necessarily would, but stated that the British Government believes the present arrangements would provide for greater security for all states in the area, including Israel.

He pointed out that these new arrangements in no way alter Britain's position and responsibilities under the Anglo-American-French tripartite declaration of 1950 guaranteeing Middle East frontiers.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, former Socialist Foreign Secretary, said that repercussions of the pact were causing "increasing apprehension" to Israel — "which ought to be just as much a friend of ours as the Arab states." He added that Socialists would have preferred something

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Israel Asking UN Meeting

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UP). — Israel announced today that she will request an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider her deteriorating border relations with Egypt.

An Israel delegation spokesman stated that Ambassador Abba Eban would submit the request to the Council President, Mr. Arkady Sobolev of Russia, within the next few hours. He said that Israel would ask Council action on the series of road mining incidents in the Gaza Strip area, and would put before the U.N. yesterday's clash, in which Egyptian forces killed two Israel soldiers and wounded 16 others.

Last week, after condemning the February 28 Israel raid on an Egyptian garrison in the Gaza Strip, the Security Council called on both countries to cooperate with the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, to reduce frontier tension. Gen. Burns is due in Jerusalem tomorrow from the Security Council session.

US Awaiting 'Calmer' Period in Mid-East

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter).—The U.S. had "quietly notified Britain that it intended to wait for a calmer period in Middle Eastern affairs before joining the new Turco-Iraqi-British defence alliance, a London dispatch to "The New York Times" said today. The dispatch from the newspaper's correspondent, Mr. Benjamin Welles, said, that there was no split between Britain and the U.S. on the Middle East but there was some puzzlement in Britain as to the motives underlying Washington's desire to hold back on what was regarded as a concerted programme of action.

Deposed Imam's Son To Fight Abdullah

The son of the deposed Imam Ahmed of the Yemen, Seif el Islam Abbas, has fled to an isolated mountain fortress and is continuing his opposition to the new Imam, Seif el Islam Abdullah, ANA reports.

In a cable to the Arab League, Abbas said that the country was on the brink of civil war with tribal leaders who are changing their loyalty daily. He also maintained that his father had been illegally deposed by the Army after fire had been opened on his palace.

The Egyptian-Saudi Arabian mediators arrived in San'a yesterday.

Imam Abdullah

The new ruler, Imam Abdullah, has meanwhile cabled to the Egyptian Government asking for permission to exile the deposed Imam Ahmed to Egypt.

According to reports from London, Britain has been officially informed of the deposition of the Imam Ahmed on grounds of "continuous ill-health." A Foreign Office spokesman said that the talks with the Yemen on the border dispute with the Aden Protectorate would continue.

Observers in London believe that the Imam Abdullah will prove a staunch supporter of Egypt with regard to the divergent Middle East defence pacts. *(ANA, UP)*

Churchill Predicted Resigning Today

LONDON, Monday. — Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden today called a meeting of the "Big Three" who will take command of the British Government from Sir Winston Churchill. Sir Winston is expected to resign tomorrow.

Besides Sir Anthony, they are the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Richard Butler, and Defence Minister Harold MacMillan.

Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Conservative Party, was also present, indicating that the meeting discussed among other things, the timing of a general election which Sir Anthony is expected to call within three months of assuming the premiership.

Sir Winston Churchill spent a quiet day at 10 Downing Street. Tonight, he is giving a dinner to Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at his official residence which is widely interpreted as marking the eve of the Premier's retirement from office.

Tomorrow night, according to current predictions, the roles will be reversed, and the 80-year-old statesman will go to Buckingham Palace to make the formal request to be relieved of office. The expectation, however, is still unofficial and therefore subject to swift change. *(UP, Reuter)*

AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS

VIENNA, Monday (UP). — The right-wing Union of Independents and the Communists suffered a heavy defeat in yesterday's local elections in two Austrian provinces — Styria and Vorarlberg.

Mrs. FDR Urges UN Police For Israel's Borders

PITTSBURGH, Monday (Reuter). — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President of the U.S., yesterday proposed formation of a U.N. military police force to safeguard the borders of Israel and the Arab states.

She said that there was no use sitting back and assessing the blame for border incidents first on Israel then on Egypt. It was important to give the U.N. the strength to put down any aggression, she stated.

Mrs Roosevelt, who returned to the U.S. recently after a tour of Israel, was the principal speaker at the United Jewish Appeal conference.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received Mr. and Mrs. Harry Posner of the U.S. and Dr. Alexander Brin.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Sieff in Tel Mond.

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The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett entertained to luncheon yesterday, the Netherlands Minister and Mrs. Gideon Boissevain, the Danish Minister and Mrs. Hugo Hergel, the Greek Diplomatic Representative and Mrs. Ange Stavros Vlachos, the Reverend Poul Borchsenius, Mr. Gordon Hamilton, Mrs. Abba Eban, Mrs. Reuben Nall, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Najar and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Arnon.

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The Sephardi Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim received the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Rokach, and the Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin, yesterday for a discussion on various questions.

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The American Ambassador and Mrs. Lawson entertained Miss Marian Anderson yesterday evening, at their Ramat Gan residence, and a large number of friends among the country's music lovers were invited to meet the American singer.

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The British Ambassador and Mrs. Nicholls were at home yesterday evening, in their Residence at Ramat Gan, to a large number of friends, including visitors from Britain.

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Mrs. Chaim Weizmann gave a reception yesterday evening, at Weizmann House, Rehovot, for Mr. and Mrs. Kay, of Washington, Mr. William Teeling, M.P., dined with Mrs. Weizmann.

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ARRIVALS: Dr. Nehemia Aloni, Director of the Manuscript Division of the Ministry of Education and Culture, from Belgium, Holland and France on business of the Department; Mr. Philip Klotznik, World President of the B'nai Brith, and Mrs. Klotznik, for a three-week visit as guests of the Government; Mr. Will Maslow, Legal Adviser to the World Jewish Congress in New York, to lecture on Civil Rights at the Hebrew University (by Swissair); Dr. Leopold Glushak, Consulting Plastic Surgeon at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York, Medical Professor at New York University Medical School, and plastic surgeon at the University Hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Glushak; Rabbi Sidney Greenberg of Temple Sinai in Philadelphia, Mrs. Greenberg and their three daughters, for a five-month stay (by El Al); Mrs. M. Roubac, Chairman of the International Women's ORT, from Paris, for a two-week visit, during which she will tour ORT, Malben and Youth Aliya institutions; Mr. S. Ussoskin, a member of the Directorate of the Keren Hayesod, from England and France.

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DEPARTURES: Aluf Haim Laskov, for London, to continue his studies after participating in the Volunteers Week celebrations (by El Al).

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The Manufacturers Association gave a farewell party for Mr. E. I. Echtman, its retiring Director-General, at the Association's rooms in Tel Aviv last night.

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The conductor, Mr. Paul Kletzki, now making his third visit to Israel, scored an outstanding success on Saturday night with the first Israel performance of Honegger's 2nd Symphony and the Mendelssohn Scotch Symphony in the I.P.O.'s 9th subscription series. The conductor recorded the Mendelssohn work with the I.P.O. last April.

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The premiere of "Come Back, Little Sheba" by William Inge (Hebrew by Benjamin Tamuz) was given by the Chamber Theatre in Tel Aviv last night. Mr. Hy Kalus directed, and Miss Rahel Markus played the leading role.

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Dr. Ernest H. Stern F.S.S. F.R.E.C., of London, will lecture on "World Economic Prospects," at 8.30 tonight, at the Ratisbonne Hall, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Israel Political Sciences Association and the Eliezer Kaplan School for Economics and Social Sciences. In the chair, Dr. E. Kahn.

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The Department of Prehistoric Archaeology at the Hebrew University will be officially opened tomorrow, at 5 p.m., in the Department's premises, Rehov Cremieux, German Colony (next to Café Peter). The permanent exhibition of the Department, which includes the collections of the late M. Rene Neuville, former Consul General of France in Jerusalem, will be opened at the same time.

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BIRTH

LEHMANN — To Margit (nee Falck) wife of Dr. E. E. Lehmann, at Beersheba, on April 4, 1955, — twins (a boy and girl).

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Noah Slavni, Director of the Statistical Services in the Ministry of Finance, was held at the Ministry's offices in Jerusalem yesterday, the 30th day after his death.

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Ministry Working Round Clock Preparing Polio Immunization

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ministry of Health personnel, working around the clock, have been fully mobilized for the gigantic task of immunizing 100,000 Israel children against infantile paralysis beginning on April 24.

Israel will be the first nation in the world to vaccinate against polio on a full national scale. In the United States, field trials were begun last year; some children received the vaccine, while others, used as "controls," were given an ineffective inoculation. There will be no controls in Israel, and every child who is injected will receive vaccine that will immunize him for the polio season, perhaps longer.

The $500,000 consignment of vaccine will arrive in about 10 days. It will cost the Government $10,000 for packaging, transport, and testing. Another IL60,000 will be spent on the campaign itself. The annual cost for hospitalization of polio cases in Israel is IL600,000.

The vaccine was made available by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the U.S. which conducted the field tests there last year.

Although the quantity of vaccine available is still not sufficient for general sale, the Foundation was interested in making it available to Israel for scientific as well as humanitarian reasons.

Polio in Israel, unlike in America, strikes mainly at children between six months and four years of age. In the U.S., the incidence is higher among older children. Thus, the Foundation will receive important information on the effects of the Salk vaccine on a lower age group.

Israel's public health services are equipped to undertake the vast amount of checking, laboratory tests, paper work, analyses, and compilation of scientific data that is required.

Before the vaccine is sent here, part of each batch will be tested for safety and immunization properties. When it arrives, it will be refrigerated in Tel Aviv. Subdepots will be set up at strategic points throughout the country and ice boxes will be installed in automobiles that carry the vaccine to inoculation stations.

A total of 100 teams are being organized to give the "shots." Each team will consist of a physician, two nurses, two clerks, and an administrative assistant. Central vaccination stations will be set up in the cities and towns, and mobile units will visit remote settlements and villages.

The Bureau of Statistics is now preparing a master list of all children who are to be immunized, and their addresses. The names are being compiled from ration cards and identity cards. This list will serve only as a check because of the high mobility of the population.

The Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem has placed its personnel and facilities at the disposal of the Ministry in carrying out the campaign, and it is hoped that Kupat Holim will do likewise.

Preparations are under way to mobilize the press and radio and all other information media in a publicity campaign to ensure maximum participation. Because of the need to accumulate accurate scientific data and to keep check on those who have been inoculated, each of the three series of injections will be confined to a period of one week. Children who have not received the first vaccination within the first week will not receive the others.

The reaction to the injections is said to be less severe than that from diphtheria or typhoid.

In charge of the planning and organization of the campaign is Dr. P. Yekutiel, Director of the Ministry's Epidemiological Department, while the field work is under the supervision of Dr. K. Marberg, Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases at Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Prof. Joseph Melnick, an adviser on the evaluation committee of the field trials held in the U.S., and one of America's leading researchers in polio, will arrive a few days before the campaign begins in order to supervise. Prof. Melnick was an assistant to Prof. John Paul, of Yale University, world-renowned polio expert who visited Israel during the epidemic of 1950 and who since that time has been in constant contact with Israel on problems relating to infantile paralysis.

LAW REPORT

Today's Law Report has been unavoidably held over.

AN ADMINISTRATIVE order is soon to be issued requiring cinemas to show an Israel newsreel at each performance, in accordance with the Law for the Encouragement of Israel Films.

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"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Oil and Watercolour Paintings by Ruth Bamberger and Metal Work by Ludwig Wolpert, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.
Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple of the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.
20th Century French Art from the Ayala and Sam Zacks Collection. Exhibition of Israel Artists. Exhibit of the month: "Yahuda Haggada," Illuminated Passover Haggada, Ashkenazic, about 1460. Gift of Mrs. Ethel Rachel Yahuda, widow of Prof. A.S. Yahuda of New Haven, Conn. National Museum Bezalel, 10-1, 4-6.
Last day of exhibition of rare books & incunabula from collections of Jewish National and University Library and autographs from Abraham Sharon (Schwadron) Collection of Jewish Autographs & Portraits, on view at Eitingon Library (branch of Jewish National and University Library), 14 Balfour St., Talbieh, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.
Last day of exhibition of all Dead Sea Scrolls now in Israel, on view in Senate Room of Hebrew University's Administration Bldg., 67 King George St., open to public 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-6 p.m.
Exhibition of wrought-art and ornaments produced by Tass At Israel Touring Club, Rehov D'Israeli, Talbieh; daily 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 5-8 p.m. Fridays and first day of Passover, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Closed on Saturdays & last day of Passover).
Water colours, paintings, Safrai Art Gallery, 37 Jaffa Rd.

★ **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building., King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:—**
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibition:—**
"New Horizons" comprising works by 18 painters and sculptors Museum 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

★ **Theatre:—**
Chamber Theatre, "Come Back Little Sheba," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.

★ **Lecture:**
"The Israeli," Mr. A. Epstein, 8.30 p.m., Z.O.A. House.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibition:—**
"Abstract & Surrealistic Painting," Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

REHOVOT

★ **Theatre:—**
Dulgan & Schumacher, Beit Ha'am, 8.30 p.m.

AFFULA

★ **Theatre:—**
Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," 8 p.m.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

322, 249, 33.3 & 43.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.45 Address by Chief Rabbi Herzog. 3.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.30 Light Music (R). 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.35 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.05 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: George Singer. Soloist: Rivka Burstein-Arbet: Beethoven Programme: Overture "Egmont"; Piano Concerto No. 3; Symphony No. 4. 10.30 Requests. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

407, 469, 223, 216, 43.9 & 31.3 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 4.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 The Prophet of San Nicardo. 7.00 Violin Recital: Shimon Backman. 7.15 Close Down.
11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Rabbi Amiel 10th death anniversary. 11.30 Music and the Land of Israel. Easy Hebrew Conversation.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bows and Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 Corps to Corps." 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.45 Bamahaneh. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 16.95, 19.42 & 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. Address by the Haham of the Spanish & Portuguese Jews of Britain.

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Yesterday's Press:

Egypt Attacks Said Due to UN Failure

Most Monday morning papers comment on the most recent Egyptian attack at Nahal Oz and the situation on the southern frontier in general: The Security Council resolution has been an encouragement to further aggression as far as the Egyptian rulers are concerned. The U.N. institutions are unable to put an end to the Egyptian attacks. This situation cannot continue though Israel does not think actions of retaliation desirable. If the U.S. or any other government is (rightly) concerned about the situation, then Israel is not the right address to air this concern.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) notes that though (according to newspaper reports) the American Ambassador has warned Israel not to engage in acts of retaliation, no warning has been given to Cairo to discontinue those acts of aggression which provoke retaliation. The paper welcomes the reports — if they are correct — that the U.S. is considering a defence treaty with Israel. But however that may be, at the present time there is only one means to prevent a bad situation from becoming worse: a stern warning to Cairo.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) notes that while General Burns' new proposals for a reduction of tension presuppose the active collaboration of the Egyptian army, it is this very army that planned and carried out the five most recent Egyptian attacks. In these circumstances it is difficult to believe that the proposals, however praiseworthy, have any relation to realities on the border.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) reports that the Syrian Communist Party has come out strongly in favour of the Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi military alliance and has demanded that no changes whatsoever should be introduced into the text.

"Herut" says that what is going on in the south is a war. This is the first time since the armistice that an Israel settlement has been shelled. It is, however, a one-sided war. The only solution is the liberation of the Gaza area, and the paper has not the slightest doubt that this campaign would end as the clash at Nahal Oz did: the Egyptian attackers would flee.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) strongly criticizes an article by Sgan-Aluf Shaul Ramati, published in a Tel Aviv evening paper and subsequently in the London "New Statesman and Nation." "Ha'aretz" claims the editor of the British weekly "expressed his surprise" at this letter (the allegation is untrue: the editor called the letter "remarkable" and stressed it had been written in a personal capacity) and the Hebrew daily "agrees": officers on active service should not try their hand at diplomacy or journalism. Colonels meddle in politics in the neighbouring countries, not in Israel. The present case has been a disgrace and if it was a breach of discipline, measures should be taken to prevent its recurrence. "Hador" (Mapai) deals with the Histadrut elections.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: City Lights (second week).
EDEN: Lili.
EDISON: Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves.
ORNA: Law and Order.
ORION: Bohemian Girl.
ORGIL: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer.
RON: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer.
STUDIO: Heidi, Child of The Mountains.
TEL OR: Devil's Canyon.
ZION: Cateau.

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: Verdi.
CHEN: Doctor In The House
ESTHER: Rhapsody.
MIGDALOR: Crossed Swords.
MOGRABI: The High and The Mighty (second week).
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer (third week).
ORION: Blowing Wild.
TAMAR: Just For You.
YARON: Living It Up.

HAIFA
EN DOR: Last of the Comanches.
ORION: The Black Castle.
PEER: Magnificent Obsession.
GAL OR: The Princess of the Nile.
6.45 & 9 p.m. Matinee: Force of Arms.
MAY: Mogambo.
AMFRITHEATRE: Le Grand Jeu.
MORIAH: Quo Vadis.

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AT THE CINEMA

CINEMASCOPE, glossy technicolor, a bevy of stars and its adaptation from a best-selling novel, cannot save "The High and the Mighty (Mograbi, Tel Aviv) from being a very mediocre film indeed.

This is the tired old one about "the moment of truth" that faces a group of seemingly doomed individuals — this time they are in an airliner limping from Honolulu to San Francisco. Claire Trevor and Jan Sterling come out best from the long list of star players who have our sympathy for having to appear in such uninspired stuff. Particularly blatant is the waste of Robert Newton, one of Britain's finest actors, and charming Laraine Day, back on the screen again after a long absence.

H.

American in Switzerland

IN "Rhapsody" (Esther, T.A.), Elizabeth Taylor plays a too-rich American girl in Switzerland, who gets romantically involved with two music students at the Zurich Conservatoire. Needless to say both, Vittorio Gassman and John Ericson, turn out to be geniuses.

The novelish story, also in colour, gives Miss Taylor, who has never looked more lovely, the excuse to wear an endless succession of beautiful clothes, and there is plenty of popular classical music very well played by Claudio Arrau and Michael Rabin.

J. L.

Food for Thought

INGRID Bergman's portrayal of the intense misery caused by remorse, in Rossellini's "Europe 1951" (Armon, Haifa), English dubbed, must be considered her greatest performance, although the rest of the cast are just average and the technical production is undistinguished. A flighty society woman, believing that her son's death has been due to her own neglect, devotes herself to doing good to the unfortunate. Her adventures confront her with a choice between Communism and orthodox religion, both of which she rejects and she progresses towards self-identification with suffering humanity. Eventually, to avoid scandal, her family has her immured in a mental home, a situation which she willingly accepts on finding that she can find release, there, too.

This is the hard way of "The Cocktail Party." Rossellini, however, adds a big "But": his heroine has found peace through individualism, but society can only exist through laws — a point to which T. S. Eliot did not allude. Consequently, a most thoughtful film ends without a solution but you will have seen Ingrid Bergman plumb depths and a range of feeling which she has never attained before.

H.

French Ali Baba

"ALI Baba and the 40 Thieves" (Edison, J'lem), a brand-new Jacques Becker production complete with colour, is a bit of a parody on the London "Chu Chin Chew" and the Hollywood extravaganza on the same subject, and good comedy throughout too. Fernandel, lovable and human as he always is, is not afforded enough opportunities by such a role; one can't help feeling that the great comic is sometimes simply "lost in a harem." This has its compensations, of course, for belly-dance fans.

FRANGO

STRIKE. — Workers at 14 major Japanese coal mines went on strike for an indefinite period yesterday to back their demands for pay increases.

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Trabert Beats Seixas Again

SAN JUAN, (Puerto Rico), Monday (UP). — Tony Trabert's string of victories over national tennis champion Vic Seixas stood at four today, as Seixas muffed a chance to break the "jinx."

Trabert, former National champion, stormed from behind to beat Seixas, 8-6, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 yesterday in the final round of men's singles in the Caribe Hilton invitation tournament.

Darlene Hard won the women's title by defeating Dorothy Head Knode, 6-1, 6-2.

16-Year-Old Defeats Austrian Champion

MT. BALDY, California, Monday (UP). — Jacki Davenport, a 16-year-old La Canada, California, junior high school girl, yesterday became the second American to defeat Austrian woman ski champion Thea Hochleitner when she won the women's division of the Lowell Thomas Cup races here.

Citrus Festival

Programme of the Festival

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
6.00 p.m. Reception for Elders of the City.
From 8.00 p.m. Music and Dancing.
MONDAY, APRIL 10
8.30 a.m. Parade of School Children and Children's Display.
11.00 a.m. Distribution of Prizes to Packing Houses.
12.00 Noon Opening of the Festival.
12.30 p.m. Reception by the Mayor of Rehovot.
From 7.00 p.m. Climax of the Citrus Festival. Citrus Pageant.

Notices to the Public

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Drawing No. 40 of the above Bonds will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 1955 at Ohel Shem, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv. Admission free. The Public is invited.

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy

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Mt. Canaan	46	16	26	22
Tiberias	49	22	25	20
Haifa Port	70	23	20	25
Natanya	69	21	27	24
Tel Aviv Kirya	67	18	29	25
Tel Aviv Port	63	20	25	23
Lydda Airport	74	15	28	26
Jerusalem	46	21	26	23
Beersheba	67	20	28	24
S'dom	79	23	40	35
Eilat	80	21	33	27

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy went up to Mt. Scopus yesterday, two days earlier than usual, owing to the Passover holiday. Accompanying the convoy were 15 guests, including Dr. C. Hart Schaaf, Resident Representative in Israel of the U.N. Technical Assistance Board, and Professor Leon Carnovsky, now visiting this country on behalf of UNESCO.

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ONLY FOREIGN citizens and Israel clergymen will be permitted by the Jordan authorities to cross the lines in order to celebrate Easter in Jordan territory, the Jerusalem District Representative announced yesterday. The crossing will begin on Sunday. Because of the Jordanian refusal to open Jaffa Gate for the traditional consular caravan, members of the Diplomatic Corps will use the Mandelbaum Gate.

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$9.4 MILLION in Israel Bonds have been sold in the first three months of 1955, Mr. Joseph Sugarman, the Bond Chairman for Israel, announced yesterday. This represented an increase of almost $4 million to date, Mr. Sugarman pointed out.

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LOWER GALILEE and the Jordan Valley were plunged into darkness last night when a transformer station in the Valley broke down.

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RESIDENTS OF Tel Aviv-Jaffa are requested by the Municipality to refrain from wasting water, as interruptions in the electric supply, owing to repairs, may cause a water shortage in some parts of the city during the next few days.

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THE SUPREME Court yesterday upheld a decision of the Legal Council, which had permanently revoked the licence of an advocate who had been found guilty of obtaining money by false pretences.

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FOR SELLING denatured alcohol in 13 bottles bearing former labels of soft drinks and juices, Israel Moshe Hieblum, of Tel Aviv, was recently fined IL200 in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

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A SHARP WARNING has been issued to the Kiosk Owners Association by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry not to charge more than the official price of 85 pruta for a glass of orange or grapefruit juice.

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A IL1,000 fine was imposed yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrate, Mr. A. Zelikson, on S. Ozri, who had broken into an office (rented by him to tenants who had refused to vacate the premises) and had begun demolishing the walls.

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A PROPOSED administrative order exempting the families of the employees of El Al and Israel shipping companies who travel on free tickets from the payment of travel tax has been submitted by the Treasury to the Knesset Finance Committee for approval.

Quiet at Kishon

HAIFA, Monday. — Quiet has again descended on the Kishon Port. One of the two small freighters unloaded there has left, and the s.s Regolo is lying there idle awaiting a load of cement. Meanwhile, the United Port Services Company is known to object to the loading of cargo in the Kishon area. The Government-appointed committee which studied the dispute has ended its enquiry and has sent a report to the Minister. Until the Cabinet reaches a decision, no more ships are being directed to the Kishon.

REFUSE CANS FOR TIBERIAS STREETS

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Refuse containers with covers are to be fixed on all street telephone poles here by the Senegal Co. of Tel Aviv, according to an agreement signed by the Company with the Tiberias Municipality yesterday. The containers will appear next week and the Municipality has undertaken to empty them regularly.

Labour Demands

(Continued from Page 1)

else but would not oppose the present pact.

"We would prefer that there should be a collective security pact for the Middle East covering a wide variety of countries and the Western nations as well. What is causing Israel apprehension is not so much the merits of this series of pacts with the Arab states but the repercussions they were bound to have," he said.

"Israel is subject to an economic boycott and it hurts both ways. It hurts Israel who cannot get adequate supplies; her ships are barred from the Suez Canal.

"On the other hand, the Arab states are denying themselves war supplies and electricity supplies they could get in a number of cases.

"There is no peace and Israel is in the position of near siege."

The Commons later tonight endorsed Britain's decision to join the Turco-Iraqi pact. As the opposition agreed to the main principle, no vote was taken.

"There is no peace and Israel is in the position of near siege," Mr. Morrison said.

(UP, Reuter)

Airlines Step Up Services In Passover Tourist Boom

By JACK LEON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — With tourists arriving in unprecedented numbers for the Passover, Easter and Independence Day holidays, there are already many signs that this trend will continue throughout the season. Swissair brought nearly 300 persons to Israel in three aircraft within eight hours today.

Between Friday and Tuesday, 27 planes are scheduled to arrive at Lydda Airport, instead of the usual 16, stated Mr. Cohn, Director of the Government Tourist Office here. Most of the airlines are running extra services to try to cope with the heavy holiday rush now reaching its peak.

With the help of several extra flights, El Al has been bringing in more than 100 tourists a day for the past week. A spokesman of the Company announced that advance bookings to Israel promised a very successful season.

The Commercial Manager of KLM, Mr. G. P. Taussig, described advance bookings as "enormous" and heavier than the accommodation available in the services of two flights a week to Lydda. A shortage of aircraft made an increase in flights problematical, a problem shared by all airlines.

In the week ending on Wednesday, KLM will have brought 456 tourists to Israel from all parts of the world. KLM are running two extra flights, one today and the second tomorrow. The latter, from Stockholm, has been specially chartered by the Swedish Zionist Federation. A third flight has been advanced by 24 hours, to ensure its arrival before the festival.

LAI are running three extra flights this month, two of them to cope with the big Passover rush. From the beginning of June, two regular planes a week will be put on the Company's Rome-Lydda route, which at present has only one flight.

Better Than Ever

Mr. M. Spitz, managing director of Peltours largest travel agency in the country, reported bookings for this year as "far in advance of other years."

Some 90 per cent of all tourists who came here for Passover would be staying on for Independence Day, three weeks later, Mr. A. Abrahamoff, Hon. Secretary of the Israel Travel and Tourist Association, told this reporter.

It was hoped, he said, that an increase in the number of students visiting this country would fill the "C" class hotels, which were not as well booked as the luxury and class "B" hotels. These are already packed for the holidays and report good bookings for the summer months. A problem now facing the Association was to find ways of inducing visitors to come here in the winter months.

Group travel was growing and in this connection it has been announced in London that a delegation of about 300 members of the British WIZO Federation, many with their husbands, will be arriving here at the end of the month in the biggest organized group ever to visit this country from Europe. They are coming for the opening on May 5 of the new WIZO baby home in Jerusalem.

The necessity to lengthen the present tourist season was referred to by Mr. A. Eser, Commissioner for Tourism, in this connection events like the "Shimshon" festival in Migdal Ashkelon in June were being planned.

250 NEWCOMERS FROM N. AFRICA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — More than 250 newcomers from North Africa disembarked this afternoon from the s.s. Golden Isles and left at once for their new homes in development areas. The ship also brought 126 tourists and returning residents.

The s.s. Artza, expected with another 172 immigrants and 200 other passengers tomorrow, has been delayed until Wednesday.

The Tourist Officer, Mr. Bat-Shalom, said that the number of tourists arriving by way of the Port for the Passover holiday was twice that of last year.

Tourist hotels in this area are fully booked until the end of July and there is difficulty in finding proper accommodation for foreign guests.

More tourists are due in the s.s. Pace and Messapia tomorrow.

MT. ZION CLOSED TODAY

The Committee for Mount Zion announces that the Mount and its synagogue will be closed to the public today in order to remove the *hametz*. There will be a ceremonial reopening on Passover eve to welcome the pilgrims at 10.30 a.m. followed by a programme commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Yesterday, Rabbi S.Z. Cahana welcomed pilgrims at Elijah's Cave on Mount Carmel at a special ceremony arranged to coincide with the date of Haifa's liberation.

KEREN HAYESOD DELEGATES REPORT

At a meeting of the Keren Hayesod Executive yesterday, Mr. M. Argov M.K., Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Dr. I. Wolfsberg, member of the Keren Hayesod Directorate, and Dr. Ezra Haddad reported on their recent missions abroad on behalf of the United Israel Campaign. Mr. Argov had returned from England, Dr. Wolfsberg from Sweden and Austria and Dr. Ezra Haddad from the Far East.

At a reception held for Mr. A. Shapira, Chairman of the Austrian Keren Hayesod, now in Israel, Mr. E. Dobkin, on behalf of the Keren Hayesod Directorate, presented him with an album of Israel views, in recognition of his services to the United Israel Campaign.

Hebrew Means Jail in Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Rudolf Humberdrotz, lecturer at the University of Innsbruck, conducting the Eastern Mediterranean tour of 23 Austrian tourists, who arrived in Jerusalem yesterday, is an accomplished Hebraist — which sometimes gets him into trouble.

When his group, composed mainly of employees of the Austrian State Railways, was touring the Old City of Jerusalem on Sunday, Dr. Humberdrotz was explaining the Hebrew roots of words such as "Beth Lehem." Overheard by some enterprising local Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Humberdrotz and two of his companions were swiftly hauled off to jail by the Jordan police.

In the Citadel of Jerusalem, he was questioned by another aspiring detective, who asked him *"Ata medaber Ivrit?"* Dr. Humberdrotz decided that this was neither the time nor the place to show his scholarship, and pleaded complete ignorance. After a senior police officer had continued the interrogation, the travellers were finally released. However, the Jordanians impounded their passports until the very last moment, apparently hoping to find further indication of Semitica.

The Austrian railwaymen crossed the lines into Israel at Mandelbaum Gate yesterday morning, and were taken on a flying trip of the country, organized by Peltours.

After a visit to Galilee today, during which the visitors will call at the Austrian hospice at Nazareth, the group will embark on the s.s. Messapia for Greece this evening.

TOURISTS FIRE QUERIES AT 'BRAINS TRUST'

TEL AVIV, Monday. — More than 200 tourists from various countries attended the Tourists' Forum of Tiyur Vetiyul, the Histadrut Tourist Department, at the Histadrut Executive building here today. Only a few of them are connected with the Histadrut Campaign in their home countries, and the questions fired at the "Brains Trust" were, to some extent, uninformed and unfriendly.

After the question and answer period, a film on the development of the Negev was shown. Members of the "Brains Trust" were Mr. Yitzhak Haskin, Histadrut Treasurer, Mr. Beri Repetur, of the Histadrut Central Committee, Mrs. Bathsheba Ayalon, of the Working Women's Council, and Mr. Yitzhak Skikne, of the Political Department. Mr. N. Tamir, Head of Tiyur Vetiyul, was in the chair.

FEWER JOBLESS

Owing to the pre-Passover employment of some 3,000 additional persons daily, the number of jobless during the week ending March 25 dropped to 7,500 a day, 3,500 a day less than last week. The main centres of unemployment were: Jerusalem, 768; Tel Aviv, 222; Haifa, 216 and Ramat Gan, 460. Several places experienced a shortage of workers.

'Dromit' Sold To Foreign Firm

HAIFA, Monday. — The s.s. Dromit has been sold to a foreign company and is due to sail in a few days, the Shoham Company announced here today. It denied reports that it had refused to sell the freighter to Traders and Shippers of Haifa for fear of competition. The bid of T. & S. had arrived only after the foreign buyers had already made an initial payment, Shoham stated.

However, a Shoham source, which does not want to be quoted, admitted privately that the company was reluctant to sell its ship to a competitor. T. & S. said this evening that some time ago, when it negotiated with Zim for the purchase of the s.s. Kinneret, it had informed Zim of its desire to buy any Zim vessel offered for sale. T. & S. had offered cash for the s.s. Dromit, foreign exchange, the same price as the foreign company and had asked for no credit. It also undertook to retain the crew now serving on the ship.

Rotary President Meets Ben-Zvi

Mr. Herbert J. Taylor, President of Rotary International, and Mrs. Taylor arrived on Sunday night for a two-day visit. President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi received Mr. and Mrs. Taylor yesterday. They were presented by Dr. Emanuel Propper, Rotary's Administrative Adviser for Israel and by Mr. R. Silver, President of the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

A festive Ladies' Night dinner was held in their honour by the Jerusalem Club at the King David Hotel last night, at which the greetings of the Government were brought by Mr. H. Cidor of the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Taylor will speak at the inter-city luncheon of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club at 1 o'clock today at the Dan Hotel.

The Haifa Rotary Club will meet today when Mr. M. Ibrahim will speak on Persian poetry.

Almost Hottest April Ever

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Temperatures recorded in the vicious four-day *sharav* which ended early this morning were among the highest ever recorded for early April. Had the heat wave struck two days earlier, when it was still March, it would have been a record during the 100 years of weather recording in this country. This was revealed today by Mr. N. Rosenau, head of the climate and weather station network at the Meteorological Office of the Kirya here.

At Sdom, the thermometer climbed to 40 degrees C. and Ellat, Ekron, near Gedera, and Tiberias, had 38 degrees C. Haifa's maximum was 37 degrees C. and Jerusalem 32 degrees C.

Half a kilometre of the main road in Nazareth has been damaged through the tar melting as a result of the *sharav*.

Citizens awoke this morning to find it much cooler and this tendency continued throughout the day. At the Kirya, the 11 a.m. temperature was 24.6 degrees C., nearly eight degrees lower than at the same hour yesterday.

An interesting sidelight on the winter's rain is that the highest April rainfall ever recorded in this country, 263mm. at Misgav Am, in the far north, in 1949 is more than half the whole total of the fall there so far this year.

Two-year-old Ziona Zabri died of sunstroke in Akir, near Ramle, on Sunday.

Weather Man Not Asked About 'Sharav'

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Meteorological Office at the Kirya here was not consulted on the meaning of the word *sharav* by the special committee investigating the death of Amos Tivon on a Gadna hike last year. But it was quite willing to draw up such a definition, despite the difficulties involved.

Mr. N. Rosenau, head of the climate and weather station network, told *The Jerusalem Post* this, commenting on today's report in *The Post* that the Committee had been unable to decide what a *sharav* was.

It was difficult to define a *sharav* because of variations in weather from place to place and the different reactions to heat at different times of the year. However, bearing in mind all these problems, there was no reason why a useful definition could not be agreed upon, he added.

Balanced T.A. Budget

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Tel Aviv-Jaffa budget for the 1954-55 fiscal year which ended a few days ago had no deficit, the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon told the press here today. He said that IL4,100,000 was collected in taxes last month, balancing the budget at IL33,300,000, the sum of the estimates approved.

Mr. Levanon said that the Government had not handed over the full grant promised by the Minister of the Interior, but that deficit had been made up by more intensive rate collection. He said that recent experience proved that Tel Avivians paid their rates "without having to be chased."

The Chief Rabbis of Israel had been invited formally to visit the city, the Mayor stated.

"Blinded" Drivers Must Halt, Says Judge

HAIFA, Monday.—A driver who is so blinded by the headlights of an oncoming vehicle that he cannot see the road ahead of him, must halt to avoid accidents. That was the finding of District Court Judge Shlomo Kassan, sitting in Haifa, in the case against Yosef Gatti, a Solel Boneh driver convicted of negligence leading to the death of a pedestrian on the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway near Beit Hananya, South of Haifa, in November last year. Gatti received a suspended sentence of nine months in prison and was fined IL200. In his defence, he said that an Egged bus coming from the opposite direction had so blinded him that he had not seen the man he had knocked down. Judge Kassan took his unblemished driving record into account.

Kibbutz Builders At Technion Course

HAIFA, Monday.—More than 60 building supervisors in kibbutzim of all political denominations have just completed a three months, 200-hour course at the Technion on new construction methods. The lectures and laboratory work, directed by the Technion's Extension Courses Department, covered building materials, topography, labour management, qualitative analysis, costing and construction.

Construction activity supervised by the kibbutz "students" in their settlements during 1954 amounted to over IL4m. "If we can succeed in cutting costs by as little as two per cent as a result of this course, our course will have been very much worth while," one of the students said. A further similar course will be held at the Technion after Passover.

TWO NEW postmarks, "Ra'anana 4" and "Ra'anana 5" will be introduced at the Ra'anana post office beginning April 10. Collectors interested in obtaining the postmarks have been asked to forward their stamped envelopes to the Ra'anana postmaster before that date.

T.A. Shop Set Afire By Sun's Rays

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Sunbeams focused by a glass bowl in a show case onto a tin full of kerosene caused the latter to explode, setting fire to the glassware store of Mr. M. Natan, on Rehov Eilat here, yesterday. Two teams of firefighters took two hours to localize and put out the fire. Damage is estimated at IL2,000. The shop was not insured.

Court Backs Legality Of Linked Loans

The legality of agreements linking monetary loans to property in order to prevent losses as a result of the depreciation of Israel currency, was approved yesterday by the Supreme Court. The Court was overruling a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court in a suit brought by Mrs. Eliza Rosenbaum against Mr. A. Zager, from whom she had borrowed IL800 in 1950 and who had linked repayment to real estate.

The Court was composed of Justices Silberg, Berinson and Witkon. *(ITIM)*

(A full report of this case will be presented in a forthcoming Law Report.)

Order Nisi Issued On Chief Rabbis' Plea

The Supreme Court, sitting as the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem yesterday, issued an order *nisi* against two Chief Rabbis and six members of the Chief Rabbinate Council asking them to show cause why they should not refrain from filling the posts to which they were elected by the Electoral College on February 21.

The order was granted to Mr. David Dayan, of Jerusalem, and Rabbi H. Gavison, of Tel Aviv, through their advocate, Mr. M. Caspi. Mr. Caspi claimed that both the Electoral Committee and the Electoral College were illegal and that Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, new Chief Rabbi of the Sephardi community, did not possess the personal qualifications required for the post.

He claimed that Rabbi Nissim had not served ten years as an active rabbi, but had engaged in commerce, and that his name had not been included in the register of rabbis prepared by the Chief Rabbinate for the election.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin (Deputy President), Berinson and Witkon.

PORIA HOSPITAL OPENS ON MAY 15

TIBERIAS, Monday. — After several postponements, May 15 has been finally fixed for the opening of the Poria hospital. The lack of water storage facilities had been the main cause of the delay and tanks on the roof of each pavilion are providing a stop-gap. The State Controller, Dr. Siegfried Moses, visited the Schweitzer Hospital and the Poria site today.

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New Weapons Will Be Featured In Independence Day Parade

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TEL AVIV, Monday. — When units of the Israel Defence Forces march through the streets of Tel Aviv on Independence Day, — April 27— new artillery and anti-tank weapons and modern tanks never before seen in any parade in Israel will be on display for the first time. This was revealed at a press conference here today by Aluf-Mishne Y. Eytan, representative of the Army Command on the Central Independence Day Committee.

Other highlights of this year's Independence Day celebrations announced by spokesmen of the civilian and military sections of the committee:

- Jerusalem will have a two-hour-long display of pyrotechnics — "which will also be of some interest to our neighbours."
- Cabinet Ministers will take part in "living newspapers" throughout the country and especially to new immigrant centres — to explain the significance of Independence Day.
- For the first time, it has been planned that the eve of Independence Day be celebrated by festive family gatherings.
- In addition to the parade in Tel Aviv, there will be military parades at Afula, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and at Beersheba, to which representatives of minorities and religious communities will also be invited.

Mr. S. Arazi, chairman of the Committee, said that there would be a fundamental alteration in the main parade in Tel Aviv this year. It would be divided into two—a March Past through Tel Aviv in the morning, and a tattoo in the afternoon in the Ramat Gan stadium. The march would be led by a mobile combat column, followed by infantry units.

Special trains were being arranged to bring visitors to Tel Aviv, and the public was urged to try to cooperate by arriving early, as the organisers intended maintaining their split-second timing.

Details of the Independence Day programme were elaborated by Dr. Y. Kremer, representative of the Ministry of Interior, Police Inspector Eli Dekel, representing police G.H.Q., Sgan-Aluf J. Harpaz, O.C. of the parade and Mr. M. Shavit, of the Civic Education and Information Services.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will be the first to receive Hagana medals at a ceremony to be held at the Kirya stadium in Jerusalem.

Labour Front Wins Singapore Elections

SINGAPORE, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. David Marshall, the leader of Singapore's Labour Front, which won ten of the 25 seats in Singapore's first general election on Saturday, called on the Governor, Sir John Nicoll, today.

Political observers here think that Mr. Marshall might be asked to form a Government with two other left-wing groups, the People's Action Party and the Malay Union Alliance, each of which won three seats in the election.

All the left-wing parties campaigned for immediate independence for the British Crown Colony.

Mr. Marshall was in Israel at the end of January, en route home from London. Shown about the country by the Histadrut, he studied the cooperatives and other labour institutions.

DEAD IN GROVE

KFAR SABA, Monday. — Mr. Aharon Ar'el, 42, of the Beri Katznelson Institute at Tsofit, was found dead in a citrus grove near the village today. The body was taken to the Bellinson Hospital in Petah Tikva.

RARE BOOKS EXHIBIT CLOSING TODAY

An exhibition of rare books and incunabula from the collections of the Jewish National and University Library and from the autographs from the Dr. Abraham Sharon (Schwadron) Collection of Jewish Autographs and Portraits is on display at the Eitingon Library, 14 Balfour Street, in Jerusalem. The exhibition closes today. Visitors are given explanatory talks by Dr. Yeshaya Yoel, Deputy Director of the Library, and by Dr. Sharon.

HISTADRUT PROGRESS ACCLAIMED IN BRITAIN

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The achievements of the Histadrut in the absorption and rehabilitation of immigrants and "the outstanding success of Kupat Holim in safeguarding the health of over two-thirds of the population" were praised in the resolutions of the British Poale Zion's annual convention last month, Mr. H. Kotlowski, Acting General Secretary of Poale Zion, informed Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut in a letter received this week.

Cables in Brief

"UNFAIR" — The Soviet Union has withdrawn from the Paris International Trade Fair because it has not been given enough ground space, the Fair's organisation committee disclosed in the French capital yesterday.

8 MILLION. — New York City's population passed the 8 million mark at the end of 1954, the city planning commission estimated yesterday. The population on December 31, 1954, was placed at 8,050,000.

ISRAEL, DANISH DOUBLE TAXATION AVOIDED

Letters constituting an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation were exchanged yesterday between Mr. W. Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Hugo Hergel, Danish Minister to Israel, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night.

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3) Offers are to be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing the block numbers and lot numbers. They are to be deposited in the Bidders Box, Development Authority Offices, Northern District, Sales and Development Bureau, 13 Derekh Ha'atzmaut, Haifa. For further details apply to this address.
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Economic News from Abroad

High Offshore Oil Bids

● The U.S. Department of the Interior has been "startled" by the high oil company bids for offshore drilling rights. Some of the offers are for areas up to 30 metres under water, although no one knows as yet how to drill at such depths. Experts estimate that the controversial Continental Shelf Mineral Resources Act of 1953, which gave the Federal Government exclusive jurisdiction over all oil more than three leagues offshore, assured it control over 9,500m. barrels and should bring it $6,000m. in royalties, bonuses and rentals.

Cocoa Market

● The world cocoa output for the present crop year, ending in September, has been estimated at 733,000 tons, slightly less than in the previous year. As a result of appreciably higher prices, world consumption was about 742,000 tons in 1954, compared with the peak of 803,000 tons in 1953. The equilibrium between supply and demand is expected to continue for the time being.

China's Agricultural Output

● A Chinese State Council edict has set up goals of 10m. tons (six per cent) more grain and 128,000 tons (30 per cent) more cotton this year than last. Agricultural output in 1954, slightly higher than in 1953, fell far short of the targets. More food is needed to pay for imports and to feed 100 million industrial workers and 50 million peasants who have taken up cotton and other cash crops. No more agricultural cooperatives are to be formed for the present: all efforts will be concentrated on improving the work of the existing groups.

Cement Production Increases

● Cement production is on the increase in other Mediterranean countries. In Greece, the year's output will reach 1.1m. tons compared with 350,000 tons in 1950, and leave a surplus of about 250,000 tons for export. During the first two months of 1955, 65,000 tons have been exported, and more orders are at hand, including some from Saudi Arabia. Turkey is shortly expected to invite tenders for the construction of 14 new cement plants. Output is to be increased from the present 1m. tons to 2.7m. in 1958.

U.S. Recovery

● Economic recovery was still gathering strength in the U.S. during the first two months of 1955, statistical figures indicate. Steel output reached 90 per cent of capacity in the last week of February, compared with 83 per cent for the month of January. Passenger car production rose to a new peak and March will probably reach a record. The building boom has attained such proportions that 1.5 houses are built for every new family formed. With very few exceptions, all major manufacturing and mining industries are now well above their 1954 recession level and some have passed the 1953 peak. The weak point in this bright picture is unemployment, still slightly above five per cent of the civilian labour force and showing no signs of decline.

Russian Orders Cancelled

● It now seems fairly certain that the political changes in Moscow have resulted in a reorientation of foreign trade policy. A considerable proportion of last year's Soviet orders abroad has been cancelled recently, the Russians submitting voluntarily to the penalties stipulated in the agreements. Most of the abandoned orders are for consumer goods and for machinery to make them.

Taxis Get Radio-Telephone

● Almost 2,000 British taxis are now using radio-telephone facilities offered by half a dozen companies. The cost to a London cab varies from 32s to £2 a week. The company supplies the equipment, maintains the control room and its staff and pays the taxes.

Britain's Coal Worries

● Concern is growing in Britain over the coal situation, for trade stocks suffice for just over two weeks' consumption despite heavy imports from the U.S. While consumption has risen, output has been affected by bad weather, by an increase in voluntary absenteeism, and by the decrease in output per manshift. Hopes of increasing stagnating coal production are vanishing. In addition, the Coal Board's financial position has deteriorated lately and as a result of the recent rise in wages, no escape is seen from raising coal prices. Increased use of Diesel engines and nuclear power stations is envisaged in future, but a thorough reorganization of the coal industry is also urgently demanded.

TWA Gets Super-Connies

● Trans World Airlines has started taking delivery on 20 "Super-Gs," the latest Lockheed Constellation model. Three passenger compartments provide a total of 66 seats, the widest, most comfortable in any commercial airliner. TWA, which will now have a record fleet of over 100 Constellations, will continue to offer the world's only transcontinental sleeper service.

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A SERIES of circumstances combined to give the recent annual conference of Tnuva an air of entering a new era. While a year ago the cooperative had still TNUVA'S been largely preoccupied with the growing TASKS pains of new settlements just beginning to deliver tangible quantities of their produce, it must now face problems of a more basic and exacting nature.

These problems include the rapid increase in production, which brings us within sight of independence with respect to ever more commodities, but also necessitates ever bigger investments for a corresponding extension of our storage and marketing apparatus; the contrast between mounting costs of distribution and the demand to reduce the trade margin in order to raise farmers' earnings or expand demand for produce by lowering retail prices; the growing menace of farm surpluses, which are already exerting a retarding influence on agricultural development and cannot be disposed of at reasonable prices under the present marketing system; and the obvious necessity to take a plunge into export business on a bigger scale than hitherto.

Tnuva is also confronted with the fact that in future a growing part of the produce is likely to be supplied by large concerns tending to maintain their independence in the marketing sphere as well. A similar competitor may be detected in the gradual emergence of a new type of organization, the Marketing Boards for various agricultural commodities (more or less on the pattern of the Citrus Marketing Board), which, though in no way opposed to the producers' marketing cooperatives, may in several ways restrict the present wide expanse of Tnuva's activity.

It is therefore a welcome sign that the conference showed awareness of the necessity to streamline the present organization, and that some hopeful reforms were actually adopted. Provincial autonomy, now obsolete, is to be abolished, opening the way for overhaul of the cumbersome administrative apparatus. The investment programme in wholesale markets and in modern storage facilities is to be speeded up; egg grading is to be mechanized; serious efforts are to be made to capture outlets abroad and to improve domestic retail distribution (though on this last point the resolutions seem to be rather vague for the time being); and additional advances are to be made in the field of processing.

If Tnuva lives up to its intentions, this will have been a rather good start. For positive technical progress and administrative efficiency are in the long run much more important for the farmers' welfare than the subsidies and restrictive practices they are still clinging to, and it is in this field, where Tnuva's major tasks lie, that it still has a long way to go.

Bank of Israel Should Help with Credit

PUBLIC concern has been voiced lately about the high rate of interest outside and even within the banking system. Twenty to 36 per cent is reported to be customary and legislative intervention has been advocated.

The legal maximum, still maintained at the nine per cent of Ottoman Law, bears little resemblance to reality anywhere in the Middle East. In Persia, "Bazaar" rates fluctuating between 18 per cent and 36 per cent are officially recorded in the monthly Bulletin of the State Bank, the Bank Melli.

In Israel, apart from the ill-timed attempts of the austerity régime, no steps were taken to regulate the rate of interest. Only now that the Bank of Israel has begun to re-discount transactions has a bank rate of six per cent been established, limiting the borrowing bank to 6.5 per cent including all commissions on corresponding loans to clients. Such re-discount, limited in volume and selective in purpose, cannot as yet affect the general interest rate.

However, the fact that the authorities have refrained from taking steps to curb usurious interest rates leads to the conclusion that such intervention would have been neither effective nor desirable. After all, an increase in the bank rate, and thereby in the cost of money, is a time-honoured anti-inflationary measure. If the justified credit demand can be satisfied at reasonable rates, why bother about the excessive cost of undesirable credits? On the contrary, the excessive cost should act as a deterrent to unsound borrowing.

Reason for Low Rate

Moreover, it is said that the high yields obtainable on short-term loans have brought about the return to Israel of considerable funds that had been smuggled out. Hence the low rate for "black" dollars and gold and the strengthening of the Israel Pound. (On the other hand, this seems also to be the reason why the local stock market has been depressed for some time now.)

If the only effective way of fighting usury is the meeting of all "justified" credit demands, it only remains to determine what demands are justified. By introducing re-discount facilities, the Bank of Israel is carefully trying to find its way in this direction, supplementing the credits provided from the Development Budget. A considerable part of such credits would, however, become superfluous if Government departments would pay for their purchases within, say, four weeks of delivery. Many small producers, and some of the most efficient ones, are handicapped in their operations because practically the whole of their working capital is frozen in supplies to the Government, for which payment is made after many months. As they can get only limited help from the banks, they are compelled to seek expensive outside loans which absorb the bulk, if not all of the profits and more.

Here the Bank of Israel could effectively intervene. Authorized to lend to the Government up to 20 per cent of its Ordinary Budget, it should, within these limits, provide for the re-discount of bank loans against assignments by Government departments, particularly to smaller producers. The volume of unsatisfied justified credit demands could thus be considerably reduced, the rate of interest on such credits controlled, and credits from the Development Budget for "Employment" diverted to other productive purposes.

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Dutch Recovery State-Directed

By Dr. J. MENDELSON

NO Western country suffered worse devastation at Hitler's hands than Holland, and the loss of Indonesia cut her off from a most important market and source of raw materials. Today, however, Dutch industrial production is more than 180 per cent of the pre-war volume, and will probably reach 200 during the year. The industrial labour force has risen by 60 per cent in the past three years, and output per man-hour is 35 per cent higher.

Unusually heavy foreign investment — American firms, to give but one example, have set up many more subsidiaries in Holland than in other European countries — is actually only one factor of the striking expansion of Holland's heavy industry and of her highly diversified manufactures, which call for a high input of skilled labour.

Exports increased from Fls. 5,300m. in 1950 to Fls. 8,100m. in 1953 and exceeded Fls. 9,000m. in 1954, — that is, nearly $2,250m., including industrial exports of $1,250m. The total volume of exports is now two-and-a-half times higher than the pre-war level. Exports of chemical and engineering goods have tripled.

Israel has increasingly recognized that her trade with Holland can be enlarged substantially beyond the present trade agreement limits of $4m. Imports from the Netherlands fell during the initial period of German Reparations supply, but Dutch-Israel trade is becoming adjusted to new circumstances. The creation of balances in our favour through the sale of State of Israel development Bonds in Holland and through other capital transfers has also increased our purchases recently, and new orders totalling $2m. have been placed with Dutch manufacturers and exporters in the past few months.

The Netherlands of today are characteristic of the highest degree of international integration: the combined value of their foreign trade almost equals the net national income of roughly $8,500m. Even Israel, extremely dependent on capital from abroad, has a ratio of combined trade value to net national product of only about 1:2.

Despite the high internal investment volume, Dutch oversavings have reached at least five per cent of the national income, even after substantial wage increases and repayment of U.S. aid and external debts. Therefore, economically there is only one healthy outlet for these excess savings — increased investment abroad, especially in under-developed countries where, side by side with such great commercial development schemes as her large sugar-cane plantation and refinery in Ethiopia, Holland is also striving to promote outright European aid. This has created a strong demand for the budgeting of substantial Government allocations to a pool of European nations for economic assistance to under-developed areas.

The share capital of Dutch common stock was $2,000m. at the end of 1953, and the stock exchange boom increased this figure to $3,500m. by the end of 1954. Americans purchased about $160m. worth of leading international Dutch securities last year. In comparison, the combined value of new public issues of stocks and bonds was low—$300m. in 1954. This explains the readiness of the Dutch Government to permit selective capital export and the issue of foreign bonds, limited so far to Belgian Government and municipal debentures.

What has enabled this economic and psychological metamorphosis to come about among the "Phlegmatic Dutch"? Of the various explanations which I found in Dutch economic literature and in many interviews, two were most convincing. The first was that "the unifying memories of the oppression by the occupation forces has erased class barriers and led to sociological conditions fostering industrial peace and united efforts towards rapid industrialization."

Hence, peaceful relations, expressed by State wage control. The second was that at the beginning of Dutch industrialization planned and directed by the State, the then Minister of Commerce and Industry said "the nation can only earn its bread and butter too. If the industrialists create new job opportunities and the workers adjust themselves to new skills." This appeal was heeded.

Lest there be misapprehension on the part of economic ultra-liberals, one should note that the Government has supervised and planned the infant stages of the industrialization programme in detail. The State itself is pioneering in basic industry, coal-mining and chemical enterprises, which it controls entirely, and in large iron and steel plants, the most modern in Europe, which it has founded and financed. The Government Steel Combine manages other new chemical industries, such as the pilot potash plant and a soda ash factory now being built. Fertilizer plants are joint undertakings of the State and the Dutch Shell Company.

DUTCH CIVIL SERVANTS' 'GO SLOW' STRIKE

AMSTERDAM. — **The Association of Higher Civil Servants in the Netherlands has announced that its members will start a "go slow" strike if their demands for a salary revision are not met. They will limit themselves to carrying out their duties during their official office hours only.**

This announcement came after negotiations between the Government and the Associations had broken down. The Minister of the Interior, Dr. Beel, has stated in the Dutch Senate that the Government cannot go beyond its latest proposals and that a resumption of the talks is useless. He regretted the Association's announcement and uttered the warning that, if the Higher Civil Servants acted irresponsibly, Parliament would support the Government.

The Minister was supported, inter alia, by the Labour Party which stressed that it was unrealistic to demand increases not in accordance with the Government's general wage policy. The Labour spokesman asked the Civil Servants Association to maintain full discipline.

Other speakers observed that the Minister must take into account the demands of the time, and the competition by private industry which attracts not a few of the most capable higher civil servants. Salaries of the higher civil servants today are such, one speaker observed, that they can afford only the most strictly necessary expenditure.

H. B.

Violation of Economic Laws Means Dead Loss in Industry

By Our Economic Correspondent

TWO cases drawn from Mr. I. Bavly's survey of building materials for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry illustrate how the violation of economic laws results in losses, and not for the individual enterprise alone. They are the Nesher cement plant near Haifa and the Sefen factory in the Jordan Valley.

The Nesher plant requires 4.64 working hours to produce one ton of cement, which as a result costs IL9.470, while at the new Ramla plant, also owned by the Histadrut, the cost is IL3.645 (2.8 working hours per ton). Nesher is operating at a deficit of IL1.310 per ton, while Ramla shows a profit of IL2.080.

The reason for this extreme difference is to be found not only in the quality of the equipment, which is obsolescent at Haifa and modern at Ramla, but in the composition of the labour force. Nesher was founded nearly 30 years ago. Some of the workers have been with the plant for a very long time and a certain percentage are unable to meet minimum performance requirements. Social benefits, moreover, are higher at Nesher than at Ramla.

Re-equipment and reorganization of the labour force are thus both required to amend matters at the older and less efficient factory, but the latter comes up against an obstacle whose seriousness was brought home to the public by the recent Vulcan case — the fact that the factory is not allowed to dismiss workers who are unable to do their job properly.

The cost of cement plays an important role in our economy and in our export picture. In our country, nothing — neither the pressure of competition nor nationwide industrial planning — forces the cement plant to adapt itself to changed conditions. Not only is the investor free to put up a factory wherever he likes but he often finds ways to get state assistance in one form or another to make good his losses and to stave off the closing of a plant that is not earning enough.

The case of Sefen, set up with Ampal funds at the initiative of the neighbouring kibbutzim some years ago, is even more illuminating. It required an investment of $2.5m. and it was doubtful then whether it could earn the interest on this huge sum, which, moreover, consisted largely of loans.

Sefen was erected to provide a use for the residue of the Kelet plywood plant at Afikim, yet this was obviously not enough to feed the huge new factory, which can turn out 15,000 square metres of Cellotex and Masonite in three shifts. The planners experimented with eucalyptus and citrus wood. Both grow not in the Jordan Valley but in the Coastal Plain. Eucalyptus had to be planted especially for the purpose. Trucking the wood to the factory raises costs greatly, and hopes for the railroad which is supposed to solve this problem are far from being fulfilled yet.

Transport Costs

Further, since the local market can take up only a small part of Sefen's capacity output, the hope of the enterprise lies in export, and we have recently read that it has succeeded in selling large orders abroad. Yet the Bavly survey notes that the transport costs result in a loss of $70 (at IL1.800 to the dollar) for every 1,000 sq.m. sold—which means that the factory must in one way or another get a subsidy of IL2,000 for everyone of its 200 workers if it is not to eat up all its capital within ten years.

It is not likely that Sefen's location is the only reason for its lack of profitability. Mistakes in financing or difficulties in processing local wood may be other factors. But the location is surely to blame for the exaggerated transport costs of both raw material and finished product, which represent a foreign currency drain in trucks and fuel as well as serious losses to the enterprise.

The report suggests that the railroad be built as soon as possible. But it is surely putting the cart before the horse to have the State build a railroad to save an enterprise that has been built at the wrong place. Nor is it healthy that the investor who has made a mistake can always rely on the government to rescue him from the consequences of his own rashness.

N'VEI ILAN RAISES MUSHROOM OUTPUT

AFTER three years of experiments, Kibbutz N'vei Ilan in the Judean Hills has achieved a monthly production of 600-800 kilograms of mushrooms. This meets Jerusalem's present demand, which is mainly limited to persons of Central and Western European origin.

Mushrooms demand very little land. All N'vei Ilan devotes to them is half a dunam and one work day.

The *kibbutz* hopes to double the productivity of this branch in the coming months and to approach that of Kibbutz Matzuba, in Western Galilee, where the yield per square metre is nearly twice the world average.

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Steadier and Firmer

TOWARDS the week-end a somewhat firmer tendency became apparent on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Tavel Dollar rose to 1224 on Sunday, although trading was restricted. Palestine Potash Preferred, which had receded to 350, advanced again to 357 on Sunday. Small advances were recorded by Mollier-Dee, which rose by 10 pruta, and Bank Leumi shares which advanced by four points during the week. Ata and Kurdaneh shares, too, advanced by three points each. Ata deferred shares were introduced at 102 per cent on the Stock Exchange. Distributed as 10 per cent bonus shares on ordinary stock, they carry dividend rights for the year 1955. Milve Hova was quoted 58-1/4 outside the Stock Exchange on Sunday, after having risen to 58-3/4.

New York Erratic — Buying Cautious

WALL Street moved erratically during the week, closing on balance below last week's level. Main influences were a general cautiousness of buyers in the face of still unsettled conditions in the Far East. Business reports and prospects, on the other hand, seemed too good to be ignored. Dow Jones averages for 30 Industrials were 409.70 as against 414.49 a week earlier and for 20 Rails 150.32 as against 149.22 a week earlier.

London Quietly Firm Despite Strike

THE London Exchange made a good show during the week. There were small but steady gains with a very restricted turnover. Reuter's Industrial Index on April 1 was 214.7 as against 210.3 on March 25.

One of the main reasons for the restricted trading was the newspaper strike, which acted as a brake on investors' operations, as it prevented them from getting quick and reliable information on Stock Exchange developments.

Gold Steady

The price of gold in London was fixed on March 30 at 251s. 5d. per fine ounce. The Paris gold market was steady with the exception of Napoleons reaching a new low record. Turnover features included: 10 bars, 600 ingots, 22,000 napoleons, 10,000 Swiss and sovereigns, 500,000 eagles, 5,000 marks and 2,000 guilders.

Cotton and Cocoa Weaker

Prices of raw cotton and cocoa have dropped further last week while other commodities were hardly changed. Cash copper was £364 per ton on March 31.

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Suliatan Aims At Half Local Market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE local supply of cobbler's materials will be revolutionized by the advent of synthetic soles and heels, produced at the Suliatan factory in Rehovot. The plant started work on a limited scale in January and, presently operating on a single shift, it produces soling material for about 60,000 pairs of shoes a month. Output is to increase gradually to more than double that figure and to supply approximately one-half of total domestic requirements, with a balance to spare for export.

The national demand for heels and soles has been estimated at 1.5 pairs of shoes per person per year, adding up to 2.5-3m. pairs. While Suliatan products are mainly ousting imported articles, for the time being, they are likely to prove hard competitors for the leather and rubber heels and ordinary leather soles produced by the existing factories. The plant is also shortly to start producing cellular crepe for soles. Imports of crepe rubber and of "rubber heels, soles and attachments" totalled 150 tons, worth over $130,000, during the first nine months of 1954.

Shareholders in the "Suliatan Ltd." are the P.E.C., its affiliate, "Israel Enterprises Inc.," which has been investing the proceeds of Independence Loan Bonds in local enterprises, and the American Bürrite Rubber Company, which provides the patents and the technical know-how. Investments total $270,000 and IL360,000, the wage bill is IL.50-60 per shift, and output is to reach IL1.5m. a year (of which 60 per cent will be accounted for by heels.)

While primarily approved by the Investment Centre for export purposes, the company now sees considerably bigger possibilities at home. However, export orders have already been received from three countries and samples have been sent to several others. The added value of synthetic heel and sole exports is approximately 45 per cent. The factory prices of Suliatan are approximately equal to the local prices of leather products (soles are even somewhat cheaper), and are supposed to wear appreciably longer, though at present they are meeting some sales resistance because imports of inferior grades have discredited synthetic soling material with the local public.

B.O.A.C. KEEPING OFFICE OPEN

The British Overseas Aircraft Corporation, which is discontinuing its service to Lydda, is hoping to resume its flights to Israel as soon as more aircraft become available. It is maintaining its sales office in Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

APRIL 4

Pop. Loans 1949/49 (IL.10)	1011
2½% Tavel Dollar s(7y)	1224
3½% Govt. Bds. (large) c)	97½
4% Reg. Sterling "A" c)	90
4% Reg. Sterling "B" a)	94½
Pal. Beaver Bds. Ser. 3	74
Bk. Leumi ord sh.	263
A.P.B. Investm. 4% debs. 50/70 c)	—
ord. sh. "B" d)	109
Gastfcrd sh. "B" d)	100½
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	261½
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	101
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. d)	79½
Discr 4% debs. 56/65	89½
Nhr 4% Debs. (bear) a)	90½
5% pref. sh.	79½
Pass 4% debs. 60/64 reg	94
"Inva" 5% debs.	82
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	125½
5% debs.	89½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	97
Banco 6% pref. ord sh.	90½
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	357
"A" ord. shares	180
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Jsr.)	—
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn)	295
Mehoreth pref. sh.	64½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	134½
6.5% conv. debs.	95½
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" r'l.	130
7% conv. debs. 59/64	100½
Moller-Dee ord. sh. rez. x)	990
Pal.-Brewery 8% con. sh.	95½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	150
"Teva" ord. sh.	109½
Nesher 6% debs "A"	113
6% debs "B"	134
Pal. Cold 6½ 7% debs. c)	139
ord. sh. reg.	211
Pal. Centr. Tr. 8% debs.	95

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